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SUBJECT : OFFICIAL VISIT OF PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SEDAR

SENGHOR TO NICE AND MONACO

1. SUMMARY : THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF MR. LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL TO NICE AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO FROM WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH TO SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, WAS BOTH SUCCESSFUL AND POPULAR, INASMUCH AS SENGHOR, THE POET/PRESIDENT, WAS WELCOMES IN NICE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL AND IN MONACO AS POET AND MORE PARTICULARLY THE FIRST CHIEF OF STATE TO VISIT THE PRINCIPALITY IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY SINCE GENERAL DE GAULLE S VISIT IN 1966. END SUMMARY.

2. ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY, THE SENEGALESE PRESIDENT WAS GUEST OF THE CITY OF NICE WHERE SEVERAL CELEBRATIONS, WITHIN THE FRAME-

WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL, AWAITED HIM. A

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RECEPTION AT THE PALAIS MASSENA OF NICE CITY HALL WAS GIVEN IN HIS HONOR WHEN MR. JACQUES MEDECIN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TOURISM AND MAYOR OF NICE PRESENTED HIM WITH OFFICIAL GOLD EMBLEM OF THE CITY NAMING SENGHOR HONORARY CITIZEN. IN HIS SPEECH, MR. MEDECIN SPOKE OF SENGHOR S QUOTE TEACHING QUALITIES UNQUOTE, HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH GEORGES POMPIDOU, AND THE GRATITUDE THAT NUMEROUS NATIONS AND ACADEMIES HAD ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR AS A MAN

OF STATE AND MAN OF LETTERS. IN HIS ADDRESS, PRESIDENT SENGHOR BRIEFLY EXPLAINED THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN SENEGAL AND ITS FOREIGN POLICY. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT QUOTE OUR MAIN CARE TODAY IS TO SAFEGUARD OUR INDEPENDENCE. WE CLAIM, IN AFRICA, THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE OUR OWN IDEALOGY. THIS IS OUR SOCIALISM AS WE FEEL IT AND AS WE CONCEIVE IT; WE MUST FORCE OURSELVES TO APPLY IT, NOT ONLY IN AFRICA BUT ALSO IN SENEGAL. IT IS ONLY UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, AND ALSO AT THE PRICE OF A REAL RELAXATION IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THAT WE WILL SAVE AFRICA FROM ONE DAY BECOMING THE THEATER OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO BLOCS. UNQUOTE. HE THEN BRIEFLY RETRACED THE ROLE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE ORIGINS AND HISTORY OF NICE. DURING THE SAME AFTERNOON, PRESIDENT SENGHOR ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL AND THE CENTRE UNIVERSITAIRE MEDITERRANEEN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NICE, WHERE AN AFRICAN CIVILISATION CHAIR, NAMED AFTER HIM, WAS INAUGURATED.

3. IN THE EARLY EVENING OF MAY 11TH, PRESIDENT SENGHOR WAS WELCOMED AT THE FRANCO-MONEGASQUE BORDER BY MR. ANDRE SAINT-MLEUX, MONEGASQUE MINISTER OF STATE ANZLEN TO THE PALACE WHERE HE WAS THE GUEST OF PRINCE RAINIER III AND PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO. HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE PRINCIPALITY COMPRISED A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF RECEPTIONS, VISITS AND CONFERENCES, THE LATTER MOSTLY OF A CULTURAL OR SCIENTIFIC NATURE.

ON MAY 12TH, PRESIDENT SENGHOR GAVE A CONFERENCE AT THE WORLD-FAMOUS OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM ENTITLED REFLECTIONS ON THE MEDITERRANEAN OR THE ROLE OF BLACKS IN MEDITERRANEAN ANTIQUITY. THE GOAL OF THE PRESIDENT, IT IS REPORTED, WAS TO QUOTE ENLIGHTEN THE PUBLIC ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK AFRICA IN A HISTORY WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WESTERNERS KNOW ONLY THROUGH DOCUMENTATION AND THAT TO BE CORRECTED AND COMPLETED UNQUOTE. HE IS QUOTED AS BEING THE ARDENT DEFENDER IN THE FACE OF WHITE EUROPE, OF HIS AUOTE AFRICA, CRUCIFIED FOR 400 YEARS, AND YET STILL BREATHING. UNQUOTE.

4. IN A CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, PRINCE RAINIER III PRESENTED THE SENEGALESE PRESIDENT WITH THE 27TH LITERARY PRIZE OF THE FOUNDATION PRINCE PIERRE OF MONACO. HIS WORKS WERE CHOSEN FOR THEIR QUOTE DIVERSITY OF INSPIRATION, DEPTH, FECUNDITY, RICHNESS, ORIGINALITY AND SENSITIVITY, MARKING THEM WITH THE SEAL OF IMMORTALITY. UNQUOTE. EQUALLY IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDENT, AN EXHIBITION OF AFRICAN ART AND ARTISANAT WAS HELD IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE.

5. THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TERMINATED WITH A STATE DINNER HOSTED BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS AT THE PALACE ON MAY 13,1977. AMONG THE GUESTS, AND IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE, WERE MR. ANDRE GUILLABERT, SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, THE CONSULS OF FRANCE, ITALY AND THE USA ACCREDITED TO MONACO, THE MONEGASQUE

MINISTER OF STATE AND FOUR ADDITIONAL MONEGASQUE MINISTERS.
EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE WAS GIVEN THIS VISIT AND COPIES OF ALL
ARTICLES ARE BEING POUCHED TO BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY,
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